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A prior art seal and slinger assembly is shown in a drawing attached to this Information Disclosure Statement. This is the seal generally described in the Background of the Invention section. The claims are allowable over this seal. Applicant petitions to have this reference considered at this time.

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